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This special NVCON edition of CRACKLIN' STATIC contains no President's Voice, no masthead, no minutes or technical articles, calendars, etc., just the story and lots of photos of NVCON 2018. Nothing official, just NVCON. Read on, and enjoy.....73, Howie WB2AWQ



What a greeting as you entered the hall! Part of the NVCON crew (L-R): Gary Newman K17FNR, Tony Marcin W7XM, Wes Vick KG7QXE, Kim Farnham KG7TMA, Dody Bracken KG6UVX, Julie Dodge N7JWL, and Mike Dodge K7MJD. As Kim says, "I love the banner/tablecloth with the logo on it!"

Photo Kim Farnham KG7TMA

From the moment I walked in, I knew we had a winner here, from the great NVCON info table staffed by an awesome SNARS crew, to the many vendors crammed into the hallways and large banquet hall, the infectious enthusiasm of the crowd, customers and vendors alike.



Bill Jones AE7OX stirring up the raffle photo WB2AWQ



Prizes and raffle tickets abound photo KG6UVX



Parts galore available from several vendors
Photo WB2AWQ



Don Sherman W7SSB with Chameleon Antennas
Photo KG7QXE



ABR Industries selling coax cable photo KG7QXE



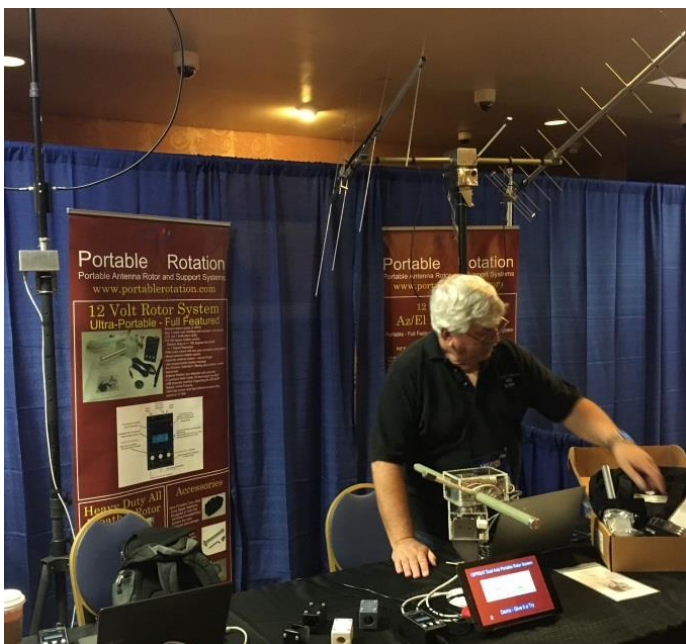
Badges, name tags, station signs photo KG7QXE



Comet, Daiwa, and Maldol well represented
photo KG7QXE



Jim Shepherd W6US mans W7TA
photo KG7QXE



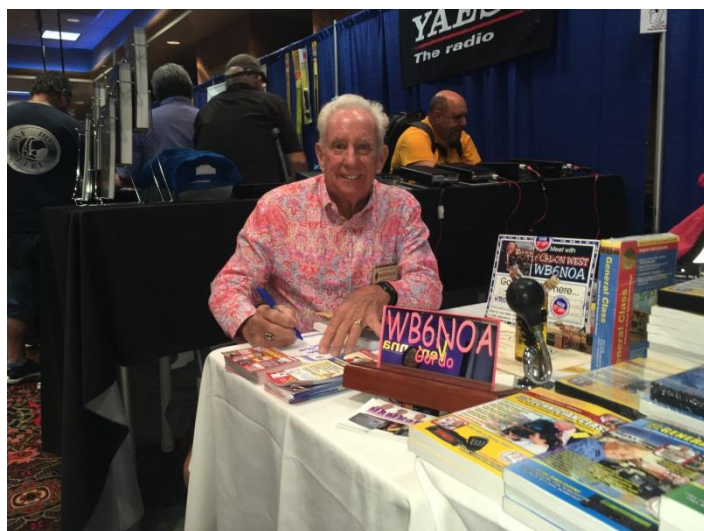
Portable Rotation with some unique rotators
Photo WB2AWQ



Ham Radio Outlet with all the goodies photo KG7QXE



NovexComm for custom cabinets
photo WB2AWQ



Gordon West WB6NOA autographing photo WB2AWQ



And posing for selfies

photo KF7KTC



MFJ Enterprises, you name it they got it! Photo KG7QXE



Ventenna's John Kernkamp, WB4YJT and assistant
photo WB2AWQ



PreciseRF antennas, accessories

photo KG7QXE



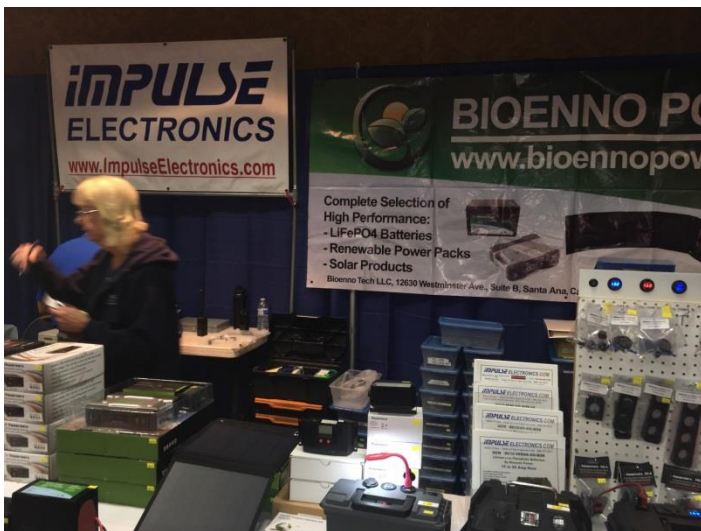
Yaesu...nuff said!

Photo WB2AWQ



Elk Antennas: VHF/UHF log periodics

photo KG7QXE



Impulse Electronics: a wide range of parts, accessories, tools, batteries, etc

Biennio Power: Batteries of all sorts, accessories

photo WB2AWQ



From the old Western Historic Radio Museum, Henry Rogers WA7YBS with kit radios of the 20s and 30s

photo KG7QXE

Nice representation of other clubs.....



Nice crowds wandering the exhibit area photo KF7KTC



From Vegas, the Sisterhood of Amateur Radio raffled off a Yaesu FT70DR dual band hand-held transceiver

Photo KG7QXE



Another view, good attendance

photo WB2AWQ



The Elko Amateur Radio Club

photo KG7QXE



Churchill Amateur Radio Society

photoKG7QXE



SIERA – Sierra Intermountain Emergency Radio Association

photo KG7QXE



The Nevada Whoop Association (micro-drone racing)

photo KF7KTC

Forums and Seminars.....



Nevada Section Leadership Meeting, Section Director John Bigley, N7UR

photo WD6CHC



One of the operating forums (DMR?)

photo KG6UVX



Gordo hamming it up.....

photo WD6CHC



Media coverage

photo WD6CHC



What would a convention be without a banquet? Photo WD6CHC

Pulling off a convention like NVCON is no easy feat! Not even considering the low population density of Northern NV and CA, NVCON was a smashing success. We all need to take a moment to thank all the people who worked so hard to make this happen. It was an amazing event, one which will hopefully be carried forward and grow even larger and better.

For all the vendors and organizations who came out and supported us, a heart-felt thanks! We hope you were as pleased with the attendance (and purchases!) as we were. And if you make a purchase from one of the vendors AFTER the convention, be sure to tell them you saw them at NVCON.

The folks at Boomtown went all out helping us: a great venue, lots of help with logistics and food service of an exhibition, and a great, friendly staff, as we have always experienced here.

To all the Forum presenters, who do such a great job of helping educate and inform us on various aspects of our hobby.

To John Bigley N7UR, the Nevada Section Manager, who so willingly comes up here from LV so often, and particularly for NVCON.

To Gordon West WB6NOA, for his presentation on VHF DXing, for signing autographs, and being in our pictures and selfies. Gordo is a hit wherever he goes.

All the local clubs and organizations who publicized our event. Getting the word out is all important.

To the ARRL, who supported us, publicized the event in QST and on-line, provides us with raffle prizes, and had representatives who traveled all the way from Connecticut to be with us.

I'd also like to thank the people who submitted photos for inclusion herein: Wes Vic KG7QXE, Kim Farnham KG7TMA, Chuck Farnham WD6CHC, Jon Fox KF7KTC, (and myself WB2AWQ). The pictures really tell the story! Stay tuned for the next NVCON!!!

A very special thanks is reserved for the SNARS folks who worked so tirelessly to make the event a huge success: Gary Newman K17FNR, Tony Marcin W7XM, Wes Vick KG7QXE, Kim Farnham KG7TMA, Dody Bracken KG6UVX, Julie Dodge N7JWL, Mike Dodge K7MJD, Jim Shepherd W6US, Don Sherman W7SSB, Bill Jones AE7OX, and anyone else who I may have missed. Thank you all for making NVCON so great!

73, WB2AWQ